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Patent No. 6,531,447

Issued: March 11, 2003

For: Secreted Protein HEMCM42

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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated on the face of U.S. Patent 6,531,447, which issued from Application No. 09/690,454 on March 11, 2003. This application includes the following attachments: (1) a Fee Transmittal Sheet with payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e); (2) (**Exhibit A**) a copy of the title page of the issued patent; (3) (**Exhibit B**) a printout of the Patent Term Adjustment History obtained from PAIR; (4) (**Exhibit C**) a copy of the Letter Making Patent Office Error of Record, together with a copy of the corresponding PTO date-stamped Return Receipt Postcard; (5) (**Exhibit D**) a copy of the Official Gazette June 26, 2001 "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(10)."

This request is being filed within 30 days of the date of issue and therefore is timely made. The fee required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.705(b)(1) has been paid, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.705(b)(2) are satisfied by the following Statement of Facts.

Further, this request is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) because Applicants filed a "Letter to Make PTO Error of Record" at the time of payment of the issue fee; this letter was not an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, or other paper that caused substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

(1) Issued U.S. Patent 6,531,447 indicates a patent term adjustment of 0 days. *See* Exhibit A. However, the correct patent term adjustment is 30 days. The grounds for patent term adjustment is provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), which specifies that the USPTO must “mail at least one of a notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 no later than fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) or fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371 in an international.”

(2) The period of adjustment due to examination delay is provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1), which defines the period as “[t]he number of days, if any, in the period beginning on the day after the date that is fourteen months after the date on which the application was under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) or fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371 and ending on the date of mailing of either an action under 35 U.S.C. § 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151, whichever occurs first.” The application was filed on October 18, 2000 (*see*, Exhibit A). The adjustment period begins on December 19, 2001, which begins the fourteen-month period after filing the application. The adjustment period ends on January 17, 2002, which is the date the Restriction Requirement was mailed. Paper No. 7. Thus, the adjustment period is 30 days. *See*, Exhibit B.

(4) Furthermore, the 30-day adjustment period was further reduced by 56 days (*see*, Exhibit B) attributed to Applicants’ alleged delay because of filing a “Letter Making Patent Office Error of Record” with the payment of the issue fee on January 15, 2003. *See*, Exhibit C. This letter was sent to make of record an inconsequential error introduced by the PTO in the filing receipt. Such a minor error did not justify the issuance of a Certificate of Correction but Applicants felt that the error should appear in the prosecution history. This paper was erroneously entered in PAIR as a “312 Amendment.” *See*, Exhibit B. With this letter, Applicants were not requesting an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, which constitutes grounds for reducing the period of adjustment of patent term (*see*, 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(10)). However, “only certain papers (not all papers), filed after a ‘Notice of Allowance’ is mailed, cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” (emphasis added). *See*, 1274 OG 111, of June 26, 2001, submitted

as Exhibit D. Applicants assert that the "Letter Making Patent Office Error of Record" should not be "considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of an application," since such a paper did not require any further action or consideration by the Patent Office.

(5) Given the above facts, Applicants should not be penalized any patent term during prosecution, therefore, the correct patent term adjustment for U.S. Patent 6,531,447 should be 30 days.


(6) U.S. Patent 6,531,447 is not subject to any terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the patent term adjustment for U.S. Patent 6,531,447 be reconsidered based on the facts described above and that Applicants' representatives be notified of the result. Applicants believe that all of the requirements for such reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d), including payment of the appropriate fee, have been satisfied. However, if clarification or further information is required, please call the undersigned at the number listed below. If the fee included is incorrect or if there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the appropriate fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3425. In the event of a favorable decision based on this request, Applicants further request reimbursement of the fee which has been paid pursuant to § 1.18(e), since payment of such fee was necessitated by a mistake of the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

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 (45) **Date of Patent:** **Mar. 11, 2003**

(54) **SECRETED PROTEIN HEMCM42**

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(*) **Notice:** Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this
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 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.

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(22) **Filed:** **Oct. 18, 2000**

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 10, 1998, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to novel human secreted
 proteins and isolated nucleic acids containing the coding
 regions of the genes encoding such proteins. Also provided
 are vectors, host cells, antibodies, and recombinant methods
 for producing human secreted proteins. The invention fur-
 ther relates to diagnostic and therapeutic methods useful for
 diagnosing and treating disorders related to these novel
 human secreted proteins.

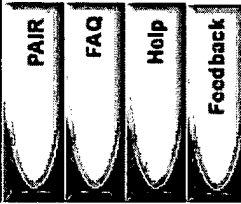
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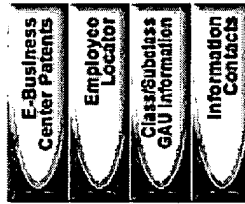
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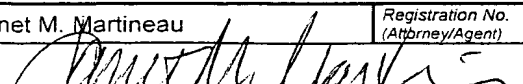
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Applicants hereby submit that the error was committed by the Patent Office as evidenced by Applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed on October 18, 2000 (a copy of which is submitted herewith along with a copy of the date-stamped postcard). Applicants respectfully request that this Letter be made of record in the above-identified file, pursuant to MPEP §1480.

No fees are believed due with the submission of this Letter. However, should the Patent Office deem otherwise, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

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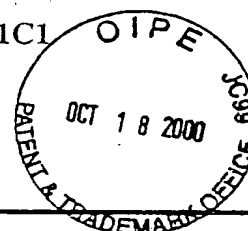
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir :

Prior to the prosecution of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a copy of the Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 ("Petition") filed in connection with parent application no. 09/189,144, which extends the time from June 18, 2000 to and including October 18, 2000. This Petition evidences copendency between parent application Serial No. 09/189,144 and the present application.

Amendments

In the Specification

Page 1, first paragraph, change "This application is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending United States patent application Serial No: PCT/US98/10868, filed May 28, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications:" to -- This application is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/189,144 filed November 10, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending United States patent application Serial No. PCT/US98/10868, filed May 28, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on the following U.S. Provisional Applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference: --

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 17, delete "or the polynucleotide of claim 1".

Please add the following claim:

-- 24. A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polynucleotide of claim 1. --

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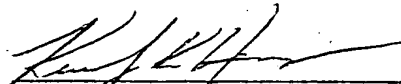
The specification has been amended to add priority information. The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as the invention. Support for new claim 24 can be found throughout the application as filed.

No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this submission. However, should a fee be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3425

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